
Overview

This standard is about searching all types of passenger and goods vehicles using manual and electronic equipment in a custodial environment.

There are two elements

- 1 Prepare to search vehicles
- 2 Search vehicles for unauthorised items and people

Performance criteria

Prepare to search vehicles

- You must be able to:
- P1 identify and record vehicles in accordance with your organisation's procedures, including the:
 - P1.1 driver
 - P1.2 passengers
 - P1.3 contents
 - P1.4 origin
 - P1.5 destination
 - P1.6 purpose of the visit
 - P2 verify information with relevant people in accordance with your organisation's procedures
 - P3 carry out preliminary checks of vehicles and the conduct of people inside in accordance with your organisation's procedures
 - P4 assess risks presented by vehicles in accordance with your organisation's procedures
 - P5 select most relevant methods to search vehicles in accordance with identified risks and your organisation's procedures

Search vehicles for unauthorised items and people

- You must be able to:
- P6 check vehicles are parked in designated search area in accordance with your organisation's procedures
 - P7 use appropriate equipment and techniques to search vehicles, in accordance with:
 - P7.1 types of vehicles
 - P7.2 assessed level of risk
 - P8 operate equipment in line with manufacturer's guidelines
 - P9 search vehicles and their contents in accordance with your organisation's procedures
 - P10 deal with unauthorised items in accordance with legal requirements and your organisation's procedures

- P11 deal with people in accordance with legal requirements and your organisation's procedures
- P12 maintain the health and safety of all involved throughout searches in accordance with your organisation's procedures
- P13 deal with people in accordance with their rights and your organisation's procedures
- P14 complete required records in accordance with your organisation's procedures
- P15 share information with relevant people throughout search processes in accordance with your organisation's procedures

Knowledge and understanding

- You need to know and understand:
- K1 the importance of identifying, recording and checking information about all aspects of searches
 - K2 types of behaviour and conduct of people that could be suspicious
 - K3 types of risks presented by different kinds of vehicles and contents
 - K4 how to assess risks presented by vehicles
 - K5 methods to search vehicles and how to select correct methods
 - K6 the importance of making sure vehicles are parked in designated search areas
 - K7 the range of techniques and equipment available for searching vehicles, and when to use them
 - K8 manufacturer's guidelines for use and maintenance of equipment
 - K9 how to carry out routine maintenance of equipment
 - K10 priority areas of vehicles that may be used to conceal items and people
 - K11 procedures for dealing with unauthorised items and people discovered during searches
 - K12 health and safety hazards that may be present when searching vehicles and how to minimise these
 - K13 records concerning searches of vehicles and how to complete them

Additional Information

Glossary

Relevant people can refer to individuals, others relevant or significant to individuals, staff in your own agency including investigating teams or staff from other agencies.

Organisational procedures can include prison service instructions, prison policies, legislative policies and any other policies and procedures used across custodial care in the UK.

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